

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Noah S. Lichty Farm Inventory Number: G-V-A-149

Address: 2903 Mason School Road City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550

County: Garrett USGS Topographic Map: Table Rock

Owner: Alma Kauffman Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 60 Tax Map Number: 90 Tax Account ID Number: 08-000921

Assess Visual Effects of Allegheny Heights Windpower

Project: Facility Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☒ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Noah S. Lichty Farm is located on the west side of Mason School Road. The farm complex comprises a main house, an older house now used as a workshop, a large bank barn, two milkhouses, a chicken coop/brooder house, a modern equipment shed, and a modern shop building.

The house was constructed ca. 1915; the house did not appear on the USGS Oakland 15 minute quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1908 (USGS 1899, 1908). The house is oriented east with a view over open fields towards Backbone Mountain. The narrow front yard has two or three evergreen trees. The two-story house occupies a T-shaped ground plan. The house is a gable-front and wing domestic type (McAlester 1990:92) with a two-bay by three-bay section and a two-bay by one-bay wing on the north elevation. The house was reported in 1981 as balloon frame construction and currently is clad with aluminum siding. The original horizontal wood siding is visible on the porches. The foundation incorporates sections of stone, poured concrete, and concrete block. The intersecting gable roofs are sheathed with standing-seam metal and the eave is encased in metal. A few of the original two-over-two-light, wood-frame, double-hung sash windows remain in the building, but most

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Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

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Comments: element of Amish/Mennonite cultural landscape?

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

4/7/05
Date

Peter Kuntze
Reviewer, NR Program

4/7/05
Date

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windows are one-over-one-light, double-hung sash thermal units. The main entry is on the east elevation through a modern replacement door with a large glass light. A two-bay, shed-roof porch spans the east elevation. The porch roof is supported on turned wood columns. A one-bay, shed-roof porch is located on the south elevation. This porch has turned wood columns and a wood railing with square balusters. A doorway off the porch contains a two-panel wood door with two lights. The doorway leads into a one-story shed-roofed, enclosed lean-to that spans the south and west elevations of the south section of the building. The basement along the south elevation is concrete block and has fixed two-light windows.

An older one-story building, currently used as a shop, is located southwest of the main house. The shop, reported by Mrs. Kauffman as the earliest building on the property, is wood-frame construction and clad with horizontal wood siding. The north elevation has four bays, the two center bays are doorways. One doorway contains a two-panel wood door with two lights. The second doorway contains a four-panel wood door. The windows are modern, one-over-one-light, double-hung sash thermal units. A two-bay porch shelters the two doorways. The side gable roof is sheathed with standing-seam metal. A lean-to shed spans the west elevation of the shop.

A massive two-level bank barn, constructed ca. 1910-1915, is located west of the shop. The main portion of the barn rests on a poured concrete foundation. Concrete-block foundations are located under the enclosed addition that spans the length of the south elevation and the one-story addition on the northeast bay of the north elevation. The timber-frame upper level is clad with vertical wood boards. The foundation contains a variety of modern window types, including sliders, and metal-frame, multi-light windows. The bank entry is located in the north elevation. The doorway has sliding doors. Two ridged concrete silos with external metal reinforcement hoops are located near the northwest corner of the barn.

A one-story, two-bay by one-bay milkhouse constructed of rusticated concrete-block is located directly east of the barn. The upper gable ends are clad with horizontal metal siding. The milkhouse has an intersecting gable roof sheathed with corrugated metal.

A second one-story, rusticated concrete-block building that may also have been a milkhouse or a shed is located northwest of the barn. The building has a gable roof sheathed with metal.

The chicken/brooder house is located north of the bank barn. The one-story wood-frame building is clad with horizontal wood siding. The front-facing gable roof is sheathed with metal siding. A shed-roof section spans the east elevation of the gable-roofed section.

A modern one-story, metal sided equipment shed is located northwest of the barn. This building has a wood-frame lean-to on the north end.

A modern shop building was located at some distance into the woods northwest of the machine shop. This building had a monitor roof vent.

The property originally was part of the tract known as "Swan Meadow" in Cherry Creek glades that was purchased by General Benjamin F. Kelley in 1863. Kelley was a Union officer assigned to protect the B&O Railroad line. He purchased the property to rehabilitate broken-down Army horses. The horses were shipped to Oakland by the railroad, then allowed to rest on Kelley's farm, and returned for military service when healthy. The General Benjamin Kelley House is included the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties as G-V-A-143.

In 1901, Simon J. Lichty (b. 1855-d. 1932), an Old Order Amish, purchased the 715-acre Kelley farm (Garrett County deeds). Simon J. Lichty was raised a Lutheran, but met and married in 1878 Sarah Beachy, the fourth child

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of Daniel Beachy (b. 1820-d. 1897), a bishop in the Amish church centered in Aurora, WVA. After living in various locations, Simon Lichty and his family returned to the Gortner area in 1901. In 1906, Simon J. Lichty sold 100 acres of Swan Meadow to his son Noah S. Lichty (b. 1883-d. 1960) (Garrett County deed EZT 52:331-332). At that time, Noah S. Lichty was unmarried. The property was depicted without buildings on it in 1900 (USGS 1899, 1908). It is possible that the one-story shop was Noah Lichty's first house on the property. In 1912, Noah Lichty married Ada Bender (b. 1883-d. 1972). The family had eight children between 1913 and 1928 (Yoder 1995; Swartzentruber 1994). The genealogical information and the style of the house suggest a construction date of ca. 1915. The current owner is a descendant of the Lichty family.

The Noah S. Lichty farm is associated with broad patterns of agricultural history of the early and mid-twentieth century in southern Garrett County as practiced by the Mennonite and Amish community (Criterion A). The house and barn embody the distinctive characteristics of their types, periods, and methods of construction during the first decade of the twentieth century (Criterion C). The changes that have occurred to the buildings represent the evolution of building materials and agricultural needs adapted by the community to maintain the property in active agriculture.

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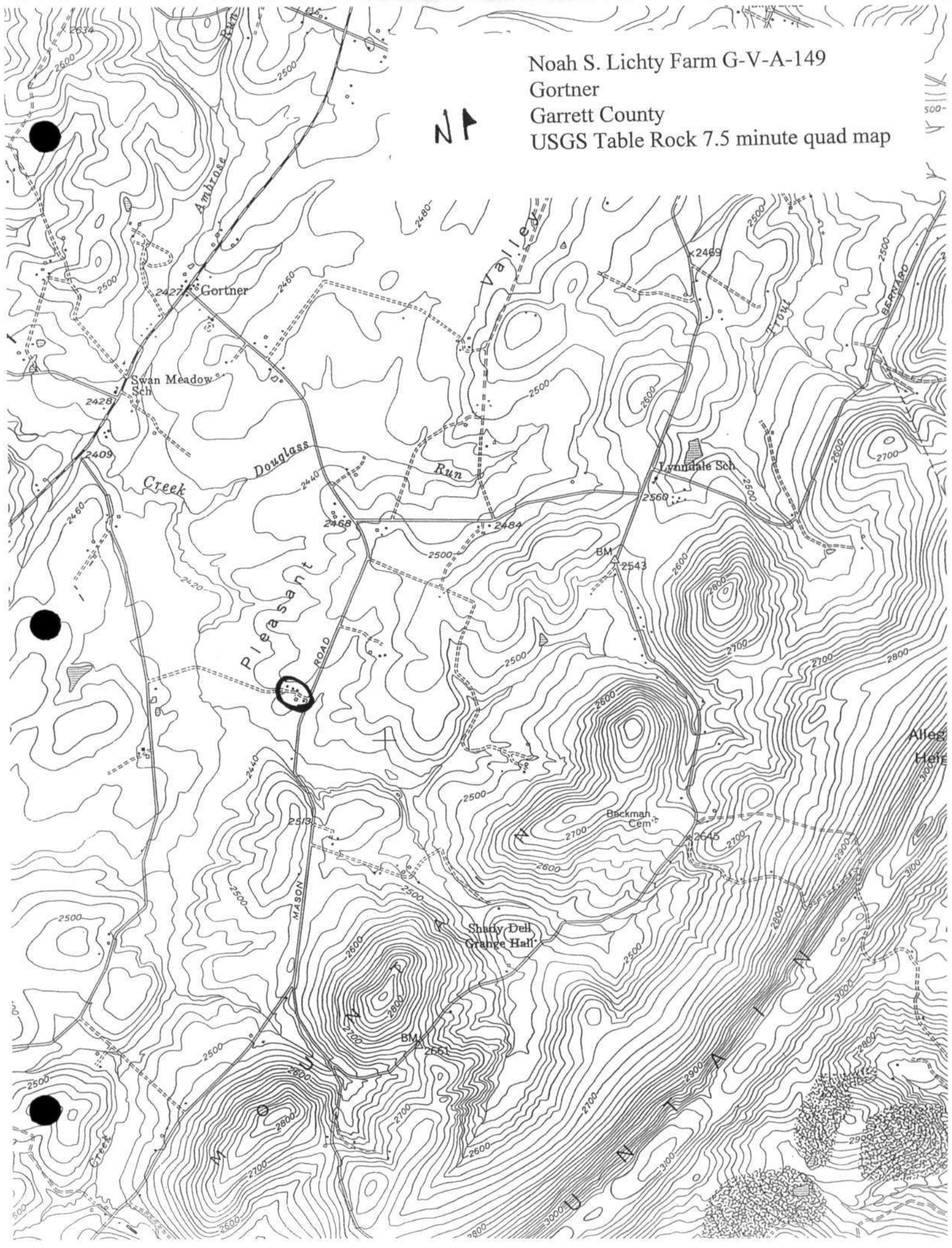
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Date Prepared: January 2005

Noah S. Lichty Farm G-V-A-149
Gortner
Garrett County
USGS Table Rock 7.5 minute quad map





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NOAH S. LIGHTY FARM

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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BWELLING - VIEW W

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BARN, VIEW W

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ca. 1915

Noah S. Lichty Farm
Gortner
Private

The Noah S. Lichty Farm includes a dwelling, a shop, and a barn dating circa 1910-15. A machine shed and a brooder house are also included with the outbuildings but date from a later period. The house is a two story, gable-roofed, T-plan of balloon frame construction. Its basic configuration is a three bay by two bay block with a two bay by one bay wing. The shop, is one story, gable-roofed, balloon frame building on a concrete foundation. It is a small four bay by one bay building with two center doors on its main facade. The barn is situated west of the house. It is a gable-roofed bank barn on a poured concrete foundation. Its framing system is constructed of machine sawn lumber joined together with wire nails. A concrete silo and a brick silo are set near the northwest corner, and a corncrib and a milkhouse are additions on the northeast corner.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Noah S. Lichty Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Freeman N. Lichty Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mason Road - West side 1.7 miles south of U.S. Route 219

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Freeman N. Lichty

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

☐ VICINITY OF**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 205

Folio #: 574

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Noah S. Lichty Farm is located on the west side of Mason Road approximately 1.7 miles south of U.S. Route 219. The farm buildings are clustered together near the road and include a dwelling, a shop, and a barn dating circa 1910-15. A machine shed and a brooder house are also included with the outbuildings but date from a later period.

The house is a two story, gable-roofed, T-plan of balloon frame construction. Its basic configuration is a three bay by two bay block with a two bay by one bay wing. A shed-roofed porch supported by turned posts fills in the east side of the T. A similar porch shelters the eastern bay on the south elevation. The remainder of the south elevation, the west endwall and the north side of the three by two bay block is covered by a one story shed-roofed addition. The facade is located on the east elevation (the porch area that fills in the T) but may once have been located on the south elevation before the additions were made. This could not be determined, however, since the interior of the building was not accessible.

The house rests on a foundation of poured concrete. Its windows are two over two sash with plain board surrounds. Aluminum siding covers the exterior walls, however, some of the original weatherboard is visible under the porches. The doors are four-panel, some having screen doors with spindles and fan brackets.

The roof is covered with diamond-shaped asphalt shingles and has a box cornice. An exterior concrete block stove chimney is located on the west endwall and two stovepipes emerge from the interior.

The shop, which is located southwest of the house, is one story, gable-roofed, balloon frame building on a concrete foundation. It is a small four bay by one bay building with two center doors on its main (north) facade. The stud frame is covered with diagonally laid board and weatherboard on the exterior. The framing is exposed on the two room interior and small boards are nailed between some of the studs for use as shelves. The windows are two over two sash and the doors are four-panel with white porcelain knobs. A shed-roofed porch shelters the two center doors on the facade.

The barn is situated west of the house. It is a gable-roofed bank barn on a poured concrete foundation. Its framing system is constructed of machine sawn lumber joined together with wire nails. A concrete silo and a brick silo are set near the northwest corner, and a corncrib and a milkhouse are additions on the northeast corner. A shed addition covers the south elevation. The bank entrance is on the north side.

The machine shed and brooder house are located northwest of the house. The machine shed consists of a shed-roofed building flanked by gable wings. The brooder house is a gable-roofed building flanked by shed wings. Both buildings are frame.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block and rear kitchen wing, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

Noah S. Lichty built this house c. 1915-16, and the barn c.1915. The shop, just SW of the house, was built before the house.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

May 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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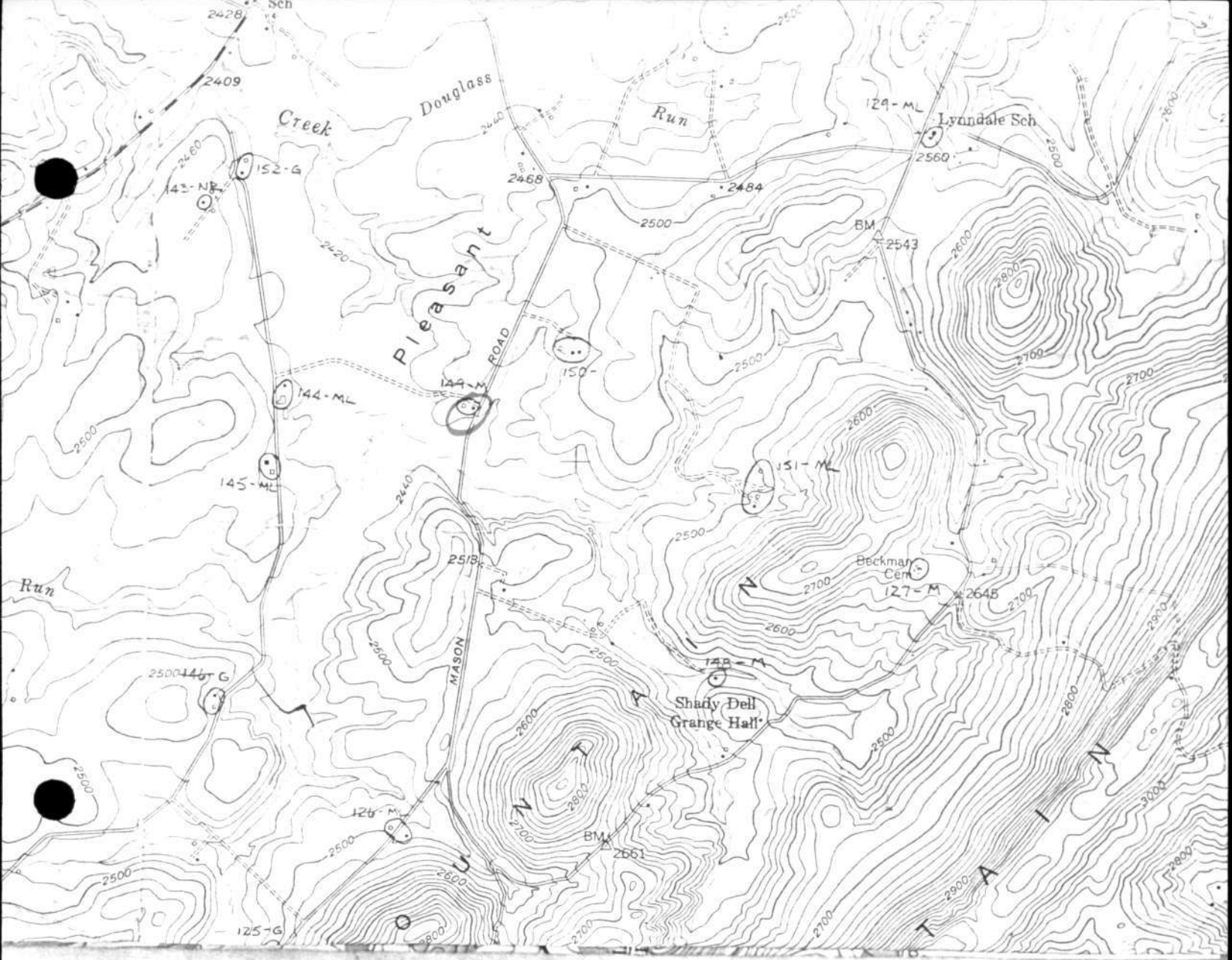


Table Rock, MD-WV
USGS 7.5 minute series
Scale- 1:24,000
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Noah S. Lichty Farm

Garrett County, MD

Donna Ware 10-24-80

N elevation